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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated 7/26/04. The Examiner identified the following two claimed inventions in this case and required restriction to one of them:

- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a prosthesis; and
- II. Claims 20-22, drawn to a surgical method.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-19, for prosecution on the merits in this application.

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